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January 20, 1978

Director, FBI

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)
REQUEST OF HAROLD WEISBERG FOR
MURKIN MATERIAL
FOIPA MATTER

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Enclosed for each recipient office is a copy of the following documents: James H. Lesar's letter dated December 19, 1977, with attached privacy waiver of Mr. Bernard Fensterwald; Mr. Harold Weisberg's FOIA request letter dated December 23, 1975; and Mr. Harold Weisberg's FOIA request letter dated April 15, 1975.

For your information, James H. Lesar is the attorney representing Mr. Weisberg in the two FOIA requests referred to above. The subject of both these requests is the Murkin case. Pursuant to these requests, the Bureau has processed Murkin and related files at Headquarters and in eight field offices, culminating in the release of approximately 48,000 pages of material to Mr. Weisberg.

This is to advise the recipient offices of the Bureau response to Mr. Lesar's letter dated December 19, 1977. Mr. Lesar requested information from FBI Headquarters, 18 field offices, and one legat concerning Mr. Bernard Fensterwald and his relation to the Murkin case. The FOIPA Branch will handle this request as it pertains to material at FBIHQ, however, Mr. Lesar has been advised that he should contact the individual field offices set forth in his letter for a direct response from those offices on the material in their possession. Each office is being provided the enclosed documents in anticipation of

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Letter to Memphis

Re: FOIA Request of Harold Weisberg for Murkin material

Mr. Lesar's request. It is noted that Mr. Fensterwald's privacy waiver is restricted to that information which only falls within the purview of the subject matter of Mr. Weisberg's Murkin request letters dated April 15, 1975, and December 23, 1975.

Should this request be received by any of the recipient offices, any questions regarding handling of this request may be directed to Ralph Harp, FOIPA Branch, FBIHQ, extension 5566.

Enclosures (3)

NOTE: Mr. Lesar has submitted a privacy waiver invoked by Mr. Bernard Fensterwald-allowing Mr. Weisberg access to information concerning Mr. Fensterwald which relates to the Murkin case only. As this request was also addressed to 18 field offices and 1 legat, Mr. Lesar has been advised to contact these offices directly. This letter is to inform recipient offices of the possible receipt of this request, and to provide them basic information necessary to the proper handling of this request if it should be received.